PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday, the 13th February 1939/1st Kumbhom 1114.

The Assembly met again in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, at Eleven of the clock, with the President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib (*Commissioner of Police*),
2. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*),
3. Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Acting Excise Commissioner*), and
4. Dr. G. D. Nokes (*Public Service Commissioner*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Embankment and bridge at Vallam.

29. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an embankment and a bridge at the place called Vallam on the 144th mile of the M. C. road;

(*b*) how many times each year the above bridge and embankment are under water and the number of days each time during which traffic is made inconvenient;

(*c*) whether *junghars* are being provided there by Government when the place is under water;

(*d*) whether an estimate for raising the above embankment and reconstructing the bridge, has been prepared and sent to the Chief Engineer from the Alwaye Division; and

(*e*) if so, the stage at which the matter is at present?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No; but there is an embankment and bridge in 145th mile of the M. C. road.

(*b*) This depends upon the floods of each year.

(*c*) No, but ferry boats are engaged.

(*d*) & (*e*) No estimate has been prepared; but a preliminary investigation has been made and the work will be provided for and taken up when funds become available.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : റോഡിൽ വെള്ളം പൊങ്ങിക്കിടക്കുമ്പോൾ വാഹനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗതാഗതസൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതെങ്ങിനെ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : There are ferries but we have no *junghar* for the passage of vehicles.

Issue strength of arrack.

3). *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the issue strength of arrack was raised from 30 U. P. to 25 U. P. in recent years; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for so doing?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To prevent the prevalence of illicit distillation.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the issue strength of arrack was raised in all the taluks or only in some taluks?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : Not in all taluks; it was raised in all taluks, excepting those bordering the Cochin State and in Shencotta.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the reason for raising it only in some taluks?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : I did not hear the question.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR . May I know the reason for that?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : In Cochin the issue strength is 35 U. P. For the taluks bordering Cochin, we have the old issue strength of 35 U. P., as a matter of interstatal courtesy.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the higher strength tended to the increase or decrease in the consumption of arrack in those taluks?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : It tended to the increase of consumption.

MR. K NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know by how many gallons?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : About 9,000 gallons.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the change was made by Government on their own initiative or on the application of the drunkards?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH : It was not on the application of the drinking population but was on the specific recommendation of the Excise Commissioner.

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